

Washington County Board of Commissioners

Regular Meeting

April 11, 2019

9:00am

Commissioners Present: Horace Daniel, Doug Watkins, Edward Burten, James Hitchcock, Frank Simmons

Prayer

Pledge

Call to Order

Approval of Past Minutes

- A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve the minutes from the previous regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Watkins. The motion to approve those minutes passed with a show of hands.

Bills

- A motion was required to approve the bills for the past month as follows:
 - Administrative & Other \$978,834.85
 - Road Department \$63,376.30
 - Sheriff Dept. & Jail \$27,227.82
 - Courthouse \$38,255.70
 - EMA \$1,167.85
 - E-911 \$5,833.04
 - Landfill \$53,613.51

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve the bill for the past month, seconded by Commissioner Watkins. The motion was passed by a show of hands.

Road Department Update

- The Road Superintendent gave an update on the striping project and estimates that it is approximately two-thirds complete. The patching projects have not begun as of yet, however C & H Paving should begin on those soon. Lamar's Creek Road is moving forward, Piedmont Mining is currently doing work on the final large area needed to be filled and has brought in an extra crew to help. The extra right of way that will need to be acquired for the project is ongoing.

Appointments - None

Old Business – None

New Business

- Resolution – Continuation of TIA
 - The County Administrator explained that a resolution was required for the County to rejoin the counties in the CSRA region to continue to one-cent sales tax for transportation, mentioning that Washington County receives approximately two dollars for every one dollar that is put in. The referendum for this continuation will likely occur in 2021.

- A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Burten. The motion was passed unanimously.
- Contract Renewal – Atlantic Coast Consulting
 - The County Administrator explained that the current contract with Atlantic Coast Consulting will expire in June. Atlantic Coast Consulting handles all monitoring, engineering, and environmental concerns that are associated with the landfill. He stated that this company has done an excellent job since they were brought in during 2014 and have always been accommodating and forthright in all dealings with the County, and have not increased any of their rates since then. Upon renewal, a new rate schedule will take effect that increases based on inflationary factors.
 - A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve the renewal, seconded by Commissioner Watkins. The motion was passed unanimously.
- Purchase – Low Boy Trailer
 - The Road Superintendent procured two quotes from companies that specialize in the production of low boy trailers. The first announced quote was from Rampant in the amount of \$27,398.00, the second was from Kaufman Trailers in the amount of \$23,590.00. The Road Superintendent recommended that the trailer from Kaufman Trailers would be best, since it has a third axle and would better suit the heavy equipment that this trailer would transport. Purchasing this trailer would allow for the Road Department to be able to transport machinery to different parts of the County simultaneously if needed, as there is currently only one trailer of this kind.
 - A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to purchase the trailer from Kaufman Trailers, seconded by Commissioner Watkins. The motion was passed unanimously.
- Purchase – EMA Equipment
 - The EMA Director explained that it would be beneficial for the County to purchase new rescue equipment and distribute the older equipment to different units in the County in order to respond quicker to accidents. He stated that Hurst is the company that the County has used for years and that they are unique producers of rescue equipment, commonly called jaws of life which includes hydraulic cutters and spreaders that can easily slice through vehicles to remove anyone entrapped. The cost for the spreader would be \$13,085.00, and the cost of the cutter would be \$9,164.00, with \$1,613 for power supply and mounting devices. He also procured two quotes for the installation of shelter for the emergency response van that serves as command center for disasters and other emergencies in the County. The first quote announced was for \$2,555 from Better Buildings, and the second was for \$3,225 from Wiley Home Center. The quote received from Better Buildings was the recommended quote.
 - A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to purchase the items mentioned, seconded by Commissioner Watkins. The motion was passed unanimously.
- Contract Renewal – Archway Partnership
 - The County Administrator explained that the contract with the Archway Partnership, operated in conjunction with University of Georgia and several other local benefactors, was in need of renewal. The required contribution from the County would be \$8,000, as previously the past several years. The Archway Partnership undertakes projects utilizing resources from the University of Georgia that help with community development and improvement.

- A motion was made by Commissioner Watkins to renew the contract, seconded by Commissioner Simmons. The motion was passed unanimously.

Contract Ratification – None

Chairman Comments

Meeting Adjourned

Public Comment Session



Horace Daniel, Chairman

Attest:



Dustin Peebles, County Administrator/Clerk